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EPA makes its Toxic Releases Inventory (TRI) and other related information available to the public both electronically and in hard copy. Every year, EPA enhances its databases to make the data easier to access and search and expands its outreach activities to include new potential users of the data. In May 2000, EPA released a new TRI tool—the TRI Explorer. The TRI Explorer provides access to TRI data that is both easy to understand and flexible to use. In addition to this new tool, the data are available in a wide variety of computer and hard copy formats to meet most user's needs. TRI publications can be obtained from EPA's National Service Center for Environmental Publications (NSCEP). TRI data can also be accessed online at EPA's web site, http://www.epa.gov/tri.

In addition, state officials receive TRI reports from facilities in their jurisdiction, and many states publish reports highlighting state and local trends. Tables D–1 through D–3 highlight the products and services available from the above mentioned resources and several others.

National Service Center for Environmental Publications (NSCEP) P.O. Box 42419 Cincinnati, OH 45242-2419 Call: (800) 490-9198 (513) 489-8190 Fax: (513) 489-8695 Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., EST Order online: http://www.epa.gov/ncepihom	TRI User Support Service (TRI-US) U.S. EPA Ariel Rios Building 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (MC-2844) Washington, DC 20460 Call: (202) 260-1531 Fax: (202) 401-2347 Email: tri.us@epamail.epa.gov
U.S. EPA EPCRA Hotline (800) 424-9346 (703) 412-9810 Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., EST	U.S. EPA TRI Website http://www.epa.gov/tri http://www.epa.gov/tri/tri99

Table D–1.   Toxics Release Inventory Products

Product	Supplier	Order Information
1999 TRI Public Data Release Report The 1999 TRI Public Data Release Report is the TRI annual report that provides a general overview of the TRI data and information on trends.The State Fact Sheets are released with the Public Data Release Report and provide a brief summary of the TRI data by State. ◆ 1999 TRI Public Data Release Report ◆ 1999 TRI State Fact Sheets ◆ 1999 TRI Executive Summary	**NSCEP** **TRI-US**	Free while supplies last Free while supplies last EPA 260-R-01-001 EPA 260-F-01-001 EPA 260-S-01-001
	These documents can be viewed, printed, or downloaded on the Internet at http://www.epa.gov/tri/tri99	
Chemicals in Your Community This pamphlet summarizes the information the public can obtain under EPCRA and CAA; how to obtain such information; other information that may also be useful; and how to use these various sources of information to build a snapshot of chemicals stored and released in your community.	**NSCEP**	Free EPA 550-K-99-001
Act Locally: Preventing Pollution at the Community Level with Resources that Control Pesticide and Toxic Chemical Use This catalogue describes tools, resources, and programs of EPA's Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances (OPPTS). It provides information on the characteristics and effects of pesticides and industrial chemicals. These "tools" include databases, computer programs for chemical screening, funding resources, access to information hotlines, and descriptions of programs and initiatives that may be useful in protecting local environments.	The catalogue can be viewed, printed, or downloaded on the Internet at http://www.epa.gov/opptintr/cbep/actlocal	Free
Chemical Fact Sheets EPA is continuing to develop Chemical Fact Sheets as part of its effort to provide the public with information on chemicals. Two types of summaries are available for each chemical. One is a two-page document providing a non-technical summary of chemical information. The other is a longer, referenced presentation of information that provides the basis for statements included in the shorter summary.	**TSCA Assistance Information Services Hotline** (202) 554-1404	Free
	The Chemical Fact Sheets can be downloaded from the Internet at http://www.epa.gov/chemfact	

Table D–2.   Toxics Release Inventory Assistance Services

Assistance Service	Contact Information
TRI User Support Service (TRI-US) The TRI-US Service provides general information about the TRI and support for access to any of the data formats. TRI specialists can help determine the data product best suited for an individual user's needs.	**TRI User Support Service (TRI-US)** U.S. EPA 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (MC–2844) Washington, DC 20460 (202) 260-1531
EPCRA Hotline The Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know (EPCRA) Hotline provides regulatory, policy, and technical assistance to the regulated community, federal agencies, local and state governments, the public, and other interested parties in response to questions related to EPCRA. The Hotline provides information on the availability of documents related to EPCRA and copies of selected EPCRA documents on a limited basis. For more information about the EPCRA Hotline, visit their Internet Web site at: http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hotline.	**EPCRA Hotline** (800) 424-9346 (703) 412-9810 TDD: (800) 553-7672 TDD: (703) 412-3323

Table D–3.   Toxics Release Inventory On-line Services

On-line Services	Web Address/Contact Information
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	
◆ EPA Home Page	http://www.epa.gov
◆ Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) Home Page	http://www.epa.gov/tri/
◆ TRI Explorer—provides access EPA created the TRI Explorer to provide access to TRI data that is both easy to understand and flexible to use. The TRI Explorer will generate on- and off-site release reports for facilities, chemicals, geographic areas, or industry type (SIC code) at the county, state, and national level.	http://www.epa.gov/triexplorer/
◆ TRI 1999 Data Release Page—provides access to information relating to the 1999 TRI data release. Includes press materials, data summary information, questions and answers, and other information about 1999 TRI data.	http://www.epa.gov/tri/tri99
◆ EPA Envirofacts—provides access to TRI data. Provides user defined searches of the TRI database by facility name, geographic location, SIC Code, or chemical name and produces reports on the facilities and maps their locations. A variety of user specified parameters let users point and click to customize their searches.	http://www.epa.gov/enviro/html/toxic_releases.html
TOXNET®, the National Library of Medicine's (NLM) Toxicology Data Network, provides free access to TRI data. Users can search by chemical or other name, chemical name fragment, or Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Number. Also searchable are facility or parent company name, state, city, county, or zip code. Search results can be limited to releases greater than a specified number of pounds, and individual releases can be summed together to display a total amount.	http://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/

Table D–3.   Toxics Release Inventory On-line Services *(continued)*

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Right-to-Know Network is operated by two nonprofit organizations (OMB Watch and the Center for Public Data Access). RTK Net provides free access to TRI data and enables users to search by geographic area, facility, industry, parent company, or off-site waste transfer.	http://www.rtknet.org/trisearch.html
EPA's Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) is an electronic database containing information on human health effects that may result from exposure to various chemicals in the environment. IRIS was initially developed for EPA staff in response to a growing demand for consistent information on chemical substances for use in risk assessments, decision-making and regulatory activities. The information in IRIS is intended for those without extensive training in toxicology, but with some knowledge of health sciences.	http://www.epa.gov/iris